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## Yenching Is Goal Of West China Students

**Dr. Porter, Back From Recent Szechuan Trip, Meets Many Yenching Alumni**

As one goes about Chengtu and among the students and faculty of West China Union University one hears repeated reference to the splendid spirit and excellent work done by a fine group of people who are regarded as representative Yenching products. Everywhere in Chengtu there is respect for Yenching and Peiping, and study at Yenching is a goal of which many West China young people dream, said Dr. L. C. Porter, who returned recently from his Szechuan sojourn.

Dr. Porter on his recent visit at W. C. U. U. had the great pleasure of meeting most of the group at a delightful dinner given by Lo Chung-shu (M.A. in Philosophy, 1931) who is now Dean of the College of Arts of W. C. U. U. as well as professor of philosophy. In entertaining the group he was assisted by his charming wife, Yang Tsi-wen (School of Religion 1930-31) who teaches in the Girls Middle School of Chengtu, and the Women's Bible School. At dinner that day were the following:

Chang Ming-chuen (M. S. in Biology, 1929), head of the Department of Biology at W.C.U.U. and Dean of the Science College for the past two years.

Tu Fung Fu (M.A. in Chinese 1930) and now a professor in the department of Chinese.

Meng Ti-lien (M.A. in Political Science 1930) and now giving courses in department of sociology as well as active in many ways in linking W. C. U. U. with other organizations in Chengtu city.

Ho Wen-chuen (M. S. in Biology 1932) in charge of the Natural Science Museum and biological research work at W.C.U.U.

Fung Ta-jan (parttime at Yenching in 1931-32) now in the College of Medicine at W.C.U.U.

Kao Yao-lin (M.S. in Chemistry 1933) in the department of Chemistry of W. C. U. U. and active in developing new standards for the work in the dept. Mrs. Kao (Chin Yui-tse or "Kimmy" as she is known at Yenching (an undergraduate for two years 1931-33 was unfortunately not present at the dinner. She teaches in the girls middle school in the dept of English.

Wu Kwe-chang (M.S. Physics 1934) is in the dept. of physics in W.C.U.U. His wife Chiang Lien-chien (School of Religion 1933-34) finds her work in the field of social welfare as far as she has time outside of her home life. Huang Ti (B.A. 1932 and M.A. 1934) an important member of the department of Sociology at W.C.U.U. doing notable work and very well liked in spite of the fact that he is a native of another province than Szechuan. Mrs. Huang Ti, also a former Yenching student, was unable to be at the dinner.

Hu Yin-te who completes the list of dinner guests brought Mr. Porter special joy since he was a former student at the old Union College of Tunc'ow years ago and took his medical course in the old Union Medical College. He is now in W.C.U.U. College of Medicine in charge of the Diagnostic laboratory and seems relied on by everyone for his exact and careful work.

### Other Yenching People in Chengtu

Wong Chuen-hsien (Wallace Wang, B.D. 1934 School of Religion) the secretary of the Christian Student Movement of Chengtu. Wallace is very active in student work throughout the city as well as on the W. C. U. U. campus and has initiated a number of lines of activities which seem very promising. His energy and fine spirit are spoken of by all who know him. Several times it said of him "if such a man represents the product of Yenching's religious life there can be no question of its value to China."

Yang Chao Ju (now Mrs. Hsu Hsiao Yi) took undergraduate work in Arts 1928-31. She is now the wife of Mr. Hsu Hsiao Yi of the Bank of China in Chengtu who is a graduate of Tsinghua.

Yang Chen-hwa studied at Yenching for one year as freshman in 1930 and is now studying in the College of Medicine at W.C.U.U.

Hu Yao Bin (son of Dr. Hu Yin Te and so a sort of grandson of Yenching took two years of premedical work 1932-34 and is now continuing his work in medicine at the Medical College of W.C.U.U.

Finally, Miss Chiang Liang Yu (Pearl) a student in the Yu-ke in the old days when we had that, but a graduate of Shanghai College is the principal of the Union Woman's Normal School.

—L. C. P.

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## Physical Ed. Head To Go Abroad To Solicit Funds

To give help in a joint financial campaign for ten Christian colleges and universities in China, Mr. K.A. Wee, Head of the Department of Physical Education, will leave for the United States in September, it was definitely decided this week.

Wee has been asked to carry out this work by the Board of Trustees of Yenching and the Associated Boards of the Christian Colleges in China.

He will spend as much time as will be necessary during the autumn to complete requirements for his Ph. D. degree at Columbia University. The rest of the year will be given over to the financial campaign. He will be gone a year.

## Dr. Luce to Speak At Baccalaureate

**Father of Editor of Time Will Be Present at 1935 Commencement**

Rev. H. W. Luce, D. D. will arrive on Friday or Saturday and attend the Commencement Exercises. He will deliver the Baccalaureate address Sunday morning, speaking on the subject, "Interpreting the Signs of the Times." Dr. Luce served for a number of years as Vice-president of Yenching in America and did the hard pioneering financial work to which most of our present physical plant is due. His son, now famous as creator and editor of *Time* and *Fortune*, is one of our Board of Trustees, and Dr. Luce himself has the title Vice-president Emeritus. His genial personality will be heartily welcomed.

## Plans for Next Year Proceeding as Usual

**Yenching Expects to Resume Work in Autumn, Says Official Letter to Students**

All rumors to the contrary notwithstanding, Yenching is completing final arrangements for summer school and plans to open its regular session next fall as usual. A statement is being sent to every student by the Chancellor's office to this effect, assuring them that all the information which the authorities now have indicates that the institution will be able to do this, and asking for their full cooperation.

"After every effort to secure information and to form a judgment as to tendencies or probabilities in the North China situation," says the statement, "We see no reason to fear that there will be physical danger or serious disturbance in the near future.....We can assure you that we will continue to watch every development with the greatest care and to take every precaution for your safety... If for any reason we should be unable to conduct our work with academic freedom and in such manner as should fit you for your proper part in national progress, we can assure you that plans will be put into effect for enabling you to continue your studies elsewhere without injury to your future usefulness."

Yenching's name has generally been included in all recent popular rumors concerning alleged interference and difficulties. Uncertainties in the minds of students and others have doubtless been increased by the general knowledge that conferences and consultations were being held on the question, "What should Yenching do, IF——." As matters stand at present, the University has every intention of opening for work as usual in September and every expectation of being able to carry on its regular program of work throughout the year. Students are therefore urged to make their plans accordingly.

## Journalism Student Couple To Announce Engagement

The engagement of Miss Fang Chi, popular junior, to Ouyang I, '35, both of the Department of Journalism, will be announced at the Western Return Students Club in Peiping during a reception at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Miss Fang is the daughter of Dr. Fang Shih-shan, a member of the Board of Trustees of the P. U. M. C. and also owner of the Metropolitan Hospital, a private enterprise on Fu Ch'ien Chieh. Ouyang's home is in Tientsin where his father is a member of a British land investment company. Between 300 and 400 friends and relatives of the couple are expected to attend the reception.

## Yenta Calendar

### Tomorrow:

Saturday, June 22

9:00 a.m.	University Council	President's House
10:00 a.m.	School of Religion Commencement Exercises	Ninde
8:00 p.m.	Farewell Reception for Seniors	President's House

Sunday, June 23

10:00 p.m.	University Baccalaureate Service	Ninde
7:00 p.m.	Class Day Celebration	Bashford

Monday, June 24

9:00 a.m.	Graduation Exercises	Bashford
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Saturday, June 29

Payment for Summer Dormitory Fees Closes

Monday, July 1

Summer Classes Begin



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## THE INWARD I

My remarks last week about lighting provisions during examination time touched off a profound concern of a correspondent, and the results are in an adjoining column. We asked a member of the faculty in the department of physics to pass upon the scientific aspects of the letter, and have their word that the writer has his documentations correct.

### Some More Help From Science

When reading the letter, I was reminded of a query from N.C.A.S. at Tungchow sometime ago whether Yenching might be interested to go in with them and perhaps some other Peiping institutions in the purchase of a new device which registers the amount of light available in a room, or in any part of it, and indicates whether such light is adequate for various purposes. Perhaps we ought to take them up on the proposition.

The amount of current wasted through lights being left on when rooms are unoccupied would pay for the larger bulbs and the "juice" they require, if we could find some method of stopping it. Such a method is available, I believe, in an adaptation of schemes used in the payment of certain laboratory fees. Make a careful estimate of what a normal consumption of light and water is each year, also what is reasonable depreciation of equipment. Base a student deposit upon such estimates and then refund pro rata whatever saving is made upon them. It would then be to everyone's interest to be careful and to build up a public opinion in favor of such thoughtfulness.

### Free Ads for Electrical Equipment

While we are in a saving mood, it would seem that extension lights on desks and work-tables in large offices and laboratories would pay for themselves. One person working in a lab. at night has lights on sufficient to give adequate illumination in all parts of a huge room. That's surely a tremendous waste, and it can be observed in our main buildings many nights in the week.

Feel like writing a valedictory but all the words I know have been worn threadbare, so will just follow the advice of Dean Williams years ago to us aspiring journalists, "When you are through, stop."

—V.N.

## THE LETTER BOX

Dear Inward I:

We are told that the meek shall inherit the earth. In Yenching, as in most institutions where the individual during waking hours is merely one of the herd, most of the time they are just the door mats. I know of too many acts of rank injustice attempted or actually perpetrated upon meeker members in the name of the institution merely because they are meek and lack the egotism or social connections required for effective pushfulness.

These make my blood boil too much to permit rational thought. However there is one particular instance where the cold light of science can shine without personal prejudice, and I am persuaded to turn on the switch; specially with the kind help of this session's last issue of the News wherein therefore no immediate come-back is possible from vested interests.

I refer to the lighting situation. Historical stupidity of "authorities" (seldom if ever admitted) is responsible for the futile switching arrangement and consequent waste of power in the Men's Dormitories. But Authority does nothing to prevent the use of as many and as powerful lamps as the men students wish. Nothing can be done; the average man student is not exactly your meek submissive type. Instead, the women students are made to suffer because here the authorities have the upper hand.

On very good evidence, I believe that each room is actually equipped with a lamp—a 25-watt lamp hanging close to the ceiling; some of these rooms are large enough to house four or even five young ladies along with their books (if they happen to have any, writing materials and so forth). The more adventurous individuals acquire by some ingenious device unknown to the authorities a length of cord and a reading stand and so contrive to achieve a slightly more romantic variety of gloominess.

Let us see what Science has to say on the subject. Mr. J.W.T. Walsh, M.A., M. Sc., F.Inst.P., A.M.I.E.E., one of the world's leading authorities on photometry gives the following significant facts: (and, he has no shares in Osram),

average daylight at sunrise.... 250 meter-candles

illumination required for drawing office....80 meter-candles

illumination required for reading & writing....60-31 meter-candles

illumination required for unskilled foundry work..... 0-10 meter-candles

In explanation: one meter-candle is the illumination given by one standard candle at a distance of one meter.

The average candle power of a tungsten filament lamp is given as 20 candle power for 25 watts. Thus one such lamp hanging from

the ceiling at a distance of perhaps two meters from the desk-top, will give, thanks to the "inverse square law", an illumination of only 5 (five) meter-candles: *less than half of the minimum required for unskilled work in a foundry.*

Of course that type of work may be what we expect from women students in these days of sex equality. But unless and until the library space is enough to accommodate the whole student body at the same time, when and how do you expect preparation for examinations to be done?

In point of obvious fact, a 25-watt lamp is entirely inadequate for studying, no matter how close it is placed to the subject matter. The illumination at 1 foot is sufficient over an area about equal to one book-page, but the glare from the lamp becomes dangerous, and squabbles between the different occupants of the room to say the least not conducive to a studious atmosphere. On the ceiling at least 160 watts is required. At the reasonable distance of 3 feet on a reading stand a 40-watt lamp is almost enough for ordinary reading; but a 60-watt lamp is necessary for anything like drawing graphs and sewing, etc.

May I therefore take this opportunity to suggest to you that a little publicity would help our meeker sisters? If the authorities consider themselves "benevolent" let them take the opportunity of the summer vacation to install double sockets in every room with the present 25-watt lamp hanging from the ceiling and another 60-watt lamp be permitted for a reading stand. If the authorities merely aspire to escape from the charge of unreasonable tyranny, and are willing to permit personal freedom even to our meeker members in the matter of personal hygiene, let them at least modify the regulation and supervision which at present effectively squashes even the right of an active spirit to be a little untidy in those dim and dismal surroundings.

Sincerely yours,  
The Duster.

KUO WEIHUNG

P. P. C.

## Lo Hsiao-chien Retains Tennis Title in Stiff Battle with H. B. Price

From two sets down, Lo Hsiao-chien gathered himself together, took the last three sets, and successfully defended his singles tennis championship of Yenching last Saturday afternoon at the Men's courts against Harry B. Price, 1-6, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Starting strong, Price swept through the first two sets with ease. Many of the 150 gathered around the court began to entertain fears that the match would end after three sets, even before Price had begun to perspire.

The defending champion came back in the third to win in good fashion. His drives were going in, both backhand and forehand growing steadier as the match progressed. He began pounding the challenger's backhand.

The fourth set saw Price coming back with a rush to try to take this set. Both were playing steady, and frequently brilliant tennis. The games were often deuced, keeping the spectators off their seats half of the time. Lo broke through his opponent's service to even the score at two sets each.

Price continued his same steady, dependable, and fast forehand game in the last set, but the champion took care not to allow him to advance to the net or to take the ball with his forehand. With the score standing at 4-4, and the crowd squirming with excitement, Lo again broke through Price's service, took his own service, and with it the set, match, and championship.

## Luh to Address School of Religion Graduates

Dr. C.W. Luh, acting chancellor of the University, will be the speaker at the commencement exercises of the School of Religion which are to be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in Ninde Chapel. The University community is cordially invited to attend.

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## Supplement to Yenching News

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### **Engagement of Yenta Pair Is Announced Yesterday at Surprise Party by Pres.**

Speculation ran rife yesterday afternoon at the President's House among the 65 people who had been invited by Dr. Stuart for a reason "which I hope will not be made known until that day".

Immediately after the crowd had gathered in the simply, but pleasantly, decorated salon of the President's House, guesses began to be heard all around. Those who knew of the surprise would not tell, and those who didn't could not tell.

At 4:15 p.m., Pres. Stuart informally addressed those present, who were now at the height of suspense. "I have heard many guesses, but most of them seem to be wrong. We have been hearing rumors during the last few days concerning one of our neighbors. Today, rumors of another kind are being circulated, and they have tended to relieve our anxieties concerning the first rumors.

"Some say that romance is connected with this surprise today, but if there is a tinge of romance, how am I to know?" Laughter and restrained giggles overtook the expectant group.

"I am honored today in formally announcing the engagement of—" a pause—"two of our Yenching students." More laughter, now unrestrained, gripped the speculating audience. An atmosphere of tenseness grew almost to the breaking point. Still Dr. Stuart wouldn't divulge the secret.

Then at last, "I want to announce in behalf of the boy's family the engagement of P'eng Shu-lin to Miss Wu P'ei-min."

Prolonged applause and gesturing followed, partly as an outcome

of the happy news, partly as outlet for the restrained emotions.

Congratulations of the popular pair, accompanied by cakes and ice-cream, followed.

P'eng will receive his M. S. degree in chemistry at the coming Commencement exercises. In July, he will leave for London where he will study industrial chemistry, supported by the British Boxer Indemnity Fund. Miss Wu has another year and a half in Yenching.

When asked when the marriage would take place, P'eng merely winked.

### **Summer Session To Begin On July 1 with 5 Courses**

All courses offered to students who registered for summer school during the last two days, except Mr. Loehr's course in European Drama, will be given during the summer session, it was made known by the registrar yesterday.

Loehr's course lacked the necessary 25 signatures for it, so will not be offered. The other courses given are Mr. Price's Rural Economics, Mr. Smith's Short-Story Writing, Mr. Nash's General Journalism, all two-credit courses, Mr. Kuo's Chinese Rhetoric and Dr. Lyman's Psychiatry, both one-credit courses.

Summer session will begin on July 1, run for six weeks, and end on August 10.

### **Vesper Questionnaire**

The English Vesper service chaplains will appreciate the co-operation of everyone in securing the return of all the copies of the questionnaire by Sunday morning, June 23rd.

### **Former Yenching Students Carry Off Honors in P.U.M.C. Ranks**

Prize and scholarship winners announced at the annual PUMC Commencement exercises held on June 14 included many former Yenching students.

Five Yenching alumni received degrees in medicine, Hazel Lin, Thomas C. G. Ma, Ma Wen-sen, Wang Shih-chun and Miss Kung Shao-yeh. Yenching girls receiving diplomas in Nursing were Ch'en P'ei-t'ao, Chu Lien-shing, Li Chia-teh, Pan Chin, Tsao Hui-chen, and Wang Su-chin.

The Wenham Prize, given to the student having done the best work in the whole five years, went to Hazel Lin, the third woman to receive this honor in the history of the institution. Another Yenching woman, Dr. Wei Shu-chen, who received her M.D. degree a year ago, won the Arthur Woo Prize in gynecology.

Five of the six Trustee Scholarships given to the two best students in the first, second, and third year classes, were won by Yenching alumni, Hsu Hsiang-lien and Teng Chin-hsien of the third year class, Liu Ching-tung of the second year class and Chou Hsu-k'ang and Wang Chung-fang of the beginning class.

Hazel Lin received distinction in bacteriology and obstetrics, Thomas Ma in medicine, Ma Wen-sen in anatomy, and Wang Shih-chun in biochemistry.

### **Library Hours Announced**

During June 23-30, the University Library will be open at the following hours:

Monday-Saturday

8:00 p.m.-12:00 noon

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.



**THE BOOK END**

In response to several requests for detailed information about books referred to at the last meeting of the Tuesday evening book discussion group, the following list is given:

**School of Religion Library**

(Ninde 201).

Saunders, The Ideals of East and West

Howe, Morality and Reality

Kirk, Personal Ethics

McDougall, Religion and the Sciences of Life

Webb, The Kingdom Within

Gowen, A History of Religion

Harrison, All That Jesus Began

**Additional New Books**

Dewey, Our Common Faith

Barth, Come Holy Spirit

Mathews, Christianity and the Social Process

Hecker, Religion and Communism

Wallis, God and the Social Process

Case, Makers of Christianity

**In the Main Library**

Keyserling, Problems of Personal Life

Joad, Return of Philosophy

Scudder, Franciscan Adventure

Laski, Liberty in the Modern State

Lippmann, The Method of Freedom

Ludwig, Genius and Character

Allen, Erasmus

Reid, Sir William Osler

Hammond, C. P. Scott

Sharman, Sun Yat-sen

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**THE LETTER BOX**

My dear Son.

As you know, there is at present a political development in North China, and the situation, especially at Peiping and Tientsin, is rather tense. I want you to be careful in what you do and what you say.

It is human nature that people not only like to hear stories, but also are interested in spreading them to their fellowmen. And in ninety cases out of a hundred, in the course of spreading, they add whatever contingencies they have heard.

You are now a college student. You must be able to think critically, analytically, and intelligently about what you have read and what you have heard. Remember that bad news travels much faster than good. Do not allow yourself to be trapped by rumourmongers.

Best wishes and heartiest compliments from all at home.

*Your loving father.*

**Dr. H.W. Luce to Speak at Commencement Also**

The principal address at the graduation exercises of Yenching's nineteenth session Monday morning will be given by Dr. H.W. Luce of the Hartford Theological Seminary. Dr. Luce will also preach the sermon at Baccalaureate Sunday..

He is beginning a trip round the world of over a year. He will remain in China several months before proceeding on to India and Europe.

He expects to visit most of the Christian Colleges in this country during his stay.

Lectures on Chinese poetry by Dr. C. W. Luh are now off the press. Cost price 50 cents from now until July 1, after which the price will be \$1.00. On sale at Book Store.

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